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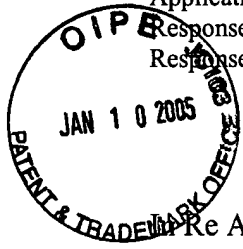
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Re Application of:

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Confirmation No.: 5373

Serial No.: 10/611,673

Group Art Unit: 2652

Filing Date: June 30, 2003

Examiner: Tianjie CHEN

Title: SLIDERS BONDED BY A DEBONDABLE ENCAPSULANT CONTAINING  
STYRENE AND BUTADIENE POLYMERS

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed December 7, 2004, in which the Examiner required restriction between two groups of claims:

- (I.) Claims 1-20, drawn to a slider; and
- (II.) Claims 21-30, drawn to a method of making a slider.

The Examiner's position is that inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. He goes on to say that the inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). He then concludes that the invention of Group I is distinct from the invention of Group II because the slider disclosed in group I can be made without the particular step of "the solvent represents 30wt% to about 5wt% of the encapsulation fluid as dispensed" as recited in Group II.

Applicant argues the particular claim limitation of Group II as recited above first appears in dependent claim 25. Claim 1 recites "a slider by a debondable solid encapsulant, wherein the encapsulant is comprised of styrene and butadiene polymers,..." and independent method claim 20 recites "(b) dispensing an encapsulation fluid comprised of styrene and butadiene polymers in a manner effective to bind or encapsulate the sliders...". The similarity of these recitations fail

to make it clear (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product can be made by another and materially different process.

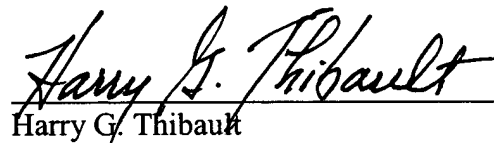
Moreover, it would appear that the Examiner would encounter no particular hardship if required to search the Group I and Group II claims together.

Thus, in response, applicant elects Group 1, claims 1-20, with traverse. Applicant expressly reserves its right under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 330-0900.

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